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F R E E

Owen, Kovach win school board, Sumpter renews fire dept. millage

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Two new trustees will be sitting on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education beginning in January, according to unofficial numbers from Tuesday's General Election.

Voters chose newcomer Kelly Owen with 7,042 votes and retired secretary to the superintendent Kathleen Kovach with 6,492.

Unseated was longtime board member Toni Hunt, who earned 6,231. Newcomer Benjamin Ross earned 5,226.

Sumpter Twp. Fire Millage

Sumpter Township voters renewed the 1 mill fire millage with 2,333 yes votes to 1,510 no votes. All the board candidates were unopposed Democrats.

District Library Board

Incumbents were returned to the three open seats on the Belleville Area District Library Board, with Joy Cichewicz getting 7,814 votes, Michael Boelter 7,514, and John Juriga 6,006. George Chedraue, an attorney who earned 4,563 votes, lost his bid for the board.

Van Buren Township

The only race on the ballot for Van Buren Township government was in the trustee race with four open seats. The four Democrats running for trustee won over the lone Republican candidate, Ann Frances Fioritto, who earned 4,160 votes.

Linda Combs earned 10,156 to win supervisor (with 714 write-ins); Leon Wright got 10,091 for clerk (with 221 write-ins); and Sharry Budd got 10,415 for treasurer (with 149 write-ins). Trustee winners were Phil Hart, 9,258; Brenda McClanahan, 8,983; Jeff Jahr, 8,921; and Reggie Miller 8,815.

Of the 22,154 registered voters in VBT, about 63% cast ballots, with some not voting on the second page of the ballot. In Belleville, 1,867 cast ballots.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Tuesday night, three local voters met at the Belleville Area Museum to have their pictures taken as historical proof of the day they cast their first ballots. From left are Mary Winter, who cast her ballot at a precinct at Belleville High School; Vera Redden, who voted in her first election at McBride Middle School; and Victor San Miguel, who cast his first vote at a precinct at Savage Elementary School.

Man's body pulled from Belleville Lake by VBT Fire Fighters on Sunday

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A 68-year-old man identified as Ivah Thomas Orange of Inkster was pronounced dead at the scene after being pulled from Belleville Lake by Van Buren Township fire fighters on Sunday morning.

VBT Police Captain Greg Laurain said at 7:33 a.m. Sunday, emergency dispatch received a 911 call from an individual who had been jogging and reported a body floating in the lake near Belleville and Denton roads.

Captain Laurain said a police officer spoke with the Belleville jogger who made the call and there was nothing further to report at that time.

VBT fire fighters responded to assist in the recovery of the victim since he was too far out and not able to be retrieved without cold-water gear and recovery equipment, Laurain said.

Orange was pronounced dead by paramedics from Huron Valley Ambulance. The body was released to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office pending results of an autopsy to determine cause of death. The autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

Laurain said it was unknown, as of Monday's news release, what Orange was doing at Belleville Lake. His vehicle was found parked and secured in Hayward's parking lot.

Local people going to church that morning reported they thought all the fire department apparatus at the lake was just another training exercise, since Sunday morning is often used by fire fighters to practice water rescues.

Ruth Bleeker seeks to erect Christmas tree at 5 Points

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday night's Belleville City Council meeting, Ruth Bleeker asked for help in getting a lighted Christmas tree erected in the traffic island at Five Points this season, the way they used to do it 60 or more years ago in Belleville.

Bleeker said she is donating a temporary tree to erect, about 20 feet tall, and has located a volunteer to erect and stabilize the tree and put solar lights on it. She would replace any flower bulbs disturbed by the stabilization work.

Bleeker said recently she went to the Downtown Development Authority to seek help with the tree idea and the DDA told her to come to the city council.

She said she talked to Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, who she said is in support of her project, and McNamara sent out four men to see if the tree would cause a visual safety problem and they said it wouldn't.

Five Points is owned by Wayne County.

Bleeker said Miss Dig has been out and found there was no problem.

"It's shovel ready," Bleeker said.

She reported that last year she started too late in the season, so she's been working out the details for over a year and a half.

"I think I have all my ducks in line," Bleeker said.

She said she is asking the DPW to help decorate and then remove the tree at the end of the season.

Councilman Jack Loria asked how much it would cost the city and Bleeker replied, "Zero."

She said Mr. Ackron on Lohr Road will provide the 20-25' tree and the company stabilizing the tree has been doing such projects for 20 years.

"Everything is volunteered," she said. "There is no cost."

Bleeker noted she had a letter from McNamara with 100% approval.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said that the letter doesn't give approval and Bleeker would have to go through the county permits' department.

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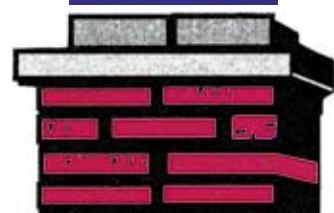
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Belleville City Council to go out for bids for sewer pipe linings

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The City of Belleville found it has enough money in its Sewer account to fund pipe linings for sewer lines on Main and Angola streets.

At Monday's regular meeting, the city council voted unanimously to have DPW Director Keith Boc seek bids as soon as possible on the project, which is estimated to cost some \$241,090.

Hennessey Engineers provided a proposal to complete a sanitary sewer cured-in-place pipe lining program along Main Street from Denton Road to South Huron River Drive and along the South Huron River Drive alley between Angola and Roland streets.

The sanitary sewer along Main Street is a 15-inch diameter sewer, about 3,000 linear feet, and the sanitary sewer along the alley is an 8-inch diameter sewer, about 585 linear feet.

Boc said the project has been budgeted for and the sewers on Angola have been televised. He said the city's financial office is comfortable in spending this amount of money.

He said, however, he feels the estimate is high and could be cut by \$40,000 or so.

In other business at the hour-long meeting on Monday, the council:

- Approved Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows' solicitations during daylight hours on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. Instead of selling newspapers, this year they will be giving out candy canes;

- Approved Canton Lions Club fund raising at Five Points from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, to take donations to assist those in the community and give out candy canes;

- Set a 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19, joint meeting with the Belleville Downtown Development Authority to discuss how the two bodies can work together for the good of the city. The joint meeting is before the council's regular 7:30 p.m. meeting on that day;

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer tell of a project by women at City Hall where they pay \$1 for permission to wear jeans to work on a specific day and the money is saved up to give to a needy family during the holidays. She noted that Friday is regular Jeans Day at City Hall;

- Heard Mayor Conley and Mike Renaud talk about the parking jam in Harbour Pointe subdivision during Halloween trick or treating time. A temporary sandwich board sign at the entrance to the subdivision said parking inside the sub was for residents only. Someone removed the sign and the streets were so full of parked cars that a fire

engine couldn't have gotten through, said Conley. Renaud said there was a house party in the sub and he thinks most of the cars on the streets were from adults at that party; and

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger announce that he has talked to Randy Brown, who is in charge of the fireworks after the Chamber of Commerce nighttime parade on Dec. 1. They worked out a plan for the fire department to let off the 100 lighted lanterns at that time, as well. The lanterns were planned for an earlier date to mark the fire department's 100 years of service, but then had to be cancelled due to rain.

District Library board OKs \$1,500 more for appraisal of residence

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board held a special, 28-minute meeting Monday night and unanimously passed a motion to pay appraiser Bob Vogt another \$1,500 for his work on its behalf.

Board President Mary Jane Dawson said Vogt told her the appraisal of the Spencer residential property next to the DNR property north of the Belleville Bridge took more work than expected.

Dawson said Vogt told her as soon as he had a letter of intention that the board would pay the extra \$1,500, he would send to the board a digital and a hard copy of the appraisals of the DNR and Spencer properties.

This makes a total of \$5,500 the board is paying Vogt for his assessments.

Resident Mike Renaud said he couldn't understand why the library board had a special meeting on Nov. 5, when it would be holding its regular meeting on Nov. 13. "What was the urgency?" he asked.

Dawson said the board wanted to have it in hand before the next meeting so it could be discussed then.

(After the meeting, Renaud noted that the board was sure to discuss the appraisals in closed session, the way it has done everything concerning the property in the past.)

Dawson said Vogt was hired to do the appraisal on the DNR property and the original agreement was \$2,000 retainer, paid in April, and then another \$2,000 when complete for a total of \$4,000.

Special appraisers were sought out to

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Posing for a group picture after being introduced to the Belleville City Council on Monday are these new officers and new members of the Belleville Fire Department. Doing the presenting was Fire Chief Brian Loranger, at right. From left are new probationary fire fighters Lamar Griffin and Tommy Smith, Lieutenants Brian Blackburn and Chris Zweng, and Captain Kris Rix. Probationary fire fighters not present for the picture were Susan Greening, Jason Martin, and Matthew Loveland. Chief Loranger said there are now 16 fire fighters.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The City of Belleville's new police car was delivered on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 30, and senior police officer Bob Dawson posed with it. Interim Police Chief Hal Berriman said he wanted a picture of the department's oldest and newest. The car had yet to have the lettering put on. It's a 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor. Dawson, who retired as sergeant after more than 30 years of service, has been filling in part time to help the department. He will retire for good on Dec. 17 and head on down to his new house in Florida. He said, however, he will always keep his lakeside home in Belleville.

Belleville City Council honors 2012 Scarecrow Contest winners

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, winners of the 2012 Scarecrow Contest were honored with plaques carrying pictures of their winning scarecrows.

The contest was put on by the Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission. Winners were:

- Maddie and Luke Lieb – Families /

Individuals category:

- Savage Elementary 4th graders – Youth Groups/Organizations category;
- Belleville Garden Club – Adult Groups/Organizations category (Miss Lily); and
- Klean Dirt Cleaning Services – Businesses category (Sponge Bob).

OPINIONS

Editorial

Local voters flood the polls to cast their 2012 ballots

Van Buren Township residents flooded the polls on Tuesday, with a long line of voters waiting at the township hall at 8 p.m., which guaranteed them the chance to vote.

At 9 p.m. the parking lot was still full and cars were parked along both sides of Tyler Road. Inside, the line which started at the voting area in the township board room, snaked down the hall all the way to the treasurer's office and then around the corner to the building and planning area.

Also at 9 p.m., the VBT precincts at both fire stations had similar crowds waiting, and so did Owen Intermediate School (former South Middle). The other precincts had settled down by then.

The City of Belleville had a busy day, but was able to handle it without much trouble, we're told.

In Sumpter, by 9 p.m. they had two precincts that had already reported in with the rest on the way, with no huge, last-minute crowd problems.

All the local township and city clerks had a long and busy day, with VBT winning the dubious prize for having the longest polling.

Police Sgt. Jeff Gueli, who was monitoring the crowd in the VBT hallway and watching so that no really late voters snuck in, said it was great to see so many people out exercising their right to vote. He hoped it would be 80% of those registered, like in other countries.

Tuesday was a great day for voters.



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EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Oztman



delivered by the Marine Corps League on Thursday afternoon. (Actually, we have three boxes.) We always have such fun shopping for the kids and watching others bring in toys to be shared with deserving youngsters.

Last year people brought in stuffed animals and our directions said the Marines didn't take stuffed toys. However, when they came to collect the boxes, they said they could take stuffed toys, if we had them, so it worked out OK.

Our Marine delivery man reported he was also taking collection boxes to the library, RE/MAX Crossroads III, St. Anthony Catholic Church, the Moose Lodge, and the VFW in Romulus.

The mission of Toys for Tots is to collect new, unwrapped toys in the months before Christmas and distribute these toys to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

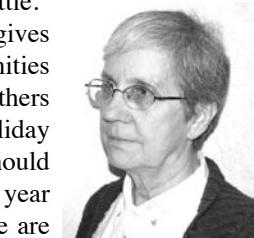
The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

We also have a Goodfellows project in the Belleville/Van Buren area and another Goodfellow organization in Sumpter. These, too, are looking for donations to bring food and Christmas gifts to local youngsters to guarantee "No child without a Christmas." To donate, you can contact the Goodfellows through the police

departments in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter.

Also, The Salvation Army is looking for volunteer bell ringers to help bring in cash to fund their year-round services to the poor. The Belleville Area Women's Club will be at Kmart on Saturday ringing bells next to the Red Kettle.

This time of year gives us many opportunities to be generous to others as the Christmas holiday approaches. We should be generous all year long, because there are needs that continue, but it just seems more heartwarming during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



We received a call from a downtown merchant who complained about other merchants who didn't keep their stores open to give out candy to the kids on Halloween. He said it would just take \$200 for candy and two extra hours at work. He said this year there were about 1,200 kids and other years it has been 2,200 to 2,300.

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Letters

Correction:

YCUA does not receive leachate from Sumpter

To the Editor:

The Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) is requesting the *Belleville-Area Independent* to publish a correction to a statement made in the editorial published in your Oct. 11, 2012 edition titled, "Sumpter looking at wastewater treatment plant."

The incorrect statement is, "The landfill currently is trucking its millions of gallons of leachate a year to YCUA."

YCUA does not receive leachate trucked in from a landfill in Sumpter Township. YCUA does not have a Wastewater Disposal Contract and hasn't issued an Industrial Permit to a landfill in Sumpter Township.

A Wastewater Disposal Contract and an Industrial Permit are both required before YCUA can accept a landfill's leachate by truck or sewer.

YCUA looks forward to seeing this correction published in the *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Perry M. Thomas
YCUA Chief Compliance Officer

Editor's Note: We reported what was presented at the Oct. 9 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees by its engineering consultant John Hennessey.

"I think a newspaper should be provocative, stir 'em up, but you can't do that on television. It's just not on."

— Rupert Murdoch

Goodfellows reach out for Christmas donations

To the Editor:

As the holiday time of year draws ever near, we are reaching out to you as leaders of our community for donations to help the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows keep the promise of "No Child Without a Christmas". Without your support, we would not be able to serve even half of the families who received assistance last year.

We are a totally volunteer organization and spend countless hours putting together this endeavor. Every cent of your donation goes to the program and without your generous help none of this would be possible.

Christmas is brighter for hundreds of families, because we all care. We supply things such as food (non-perishable items) and the nearest and dearest things are presents for each child from Santa. It is a great feeling to know that each and every one of us who are part of this is a Santa, not only to our families, but also to countless others as well.

Your continued support is most important to this huge yearly undertaking. If you haven't made a donation to this community-wide effort before, we urge you to give serious consideration this year. Please give 'til it helps.

We thank you in advance for your contribution and also want to thank you for the hundreds of children who still believe in Santa because of you.

Please make your donation out to the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows and mail to 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, Attn: Pam Fleming. You may also drop your donation off at the Van Buren Township Police Department, Attn: Pam Fleming, or at the Belleville Police Department, Attn: Sue Moore.

Happy Holidays and all the best to you and yours in the coming year.

Pam Fleming, Goodfellows Coordinator

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More Letters

Women to ring bell for Red Kettle at Kmart

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Kmart on Rawsonville Road.

We invite the public to stop by and help us fill the Red Kettle.

Janet Millard
Belleville Area Women's Club

Birthdays

Nov. 12 – Debbie Wisniewski
Nov. 18 – Bernie Travis
Nov. 24 – Lillian McArthur
Nov. 30 – Glenice Bosman

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Library Board

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satisfy the specifications set by the DNR, which owns the property on the lake being considered for a new district library. The board considered three appraisers and hired Vogt.

Dawson said library board representatives, including attorney John Day and architect Dan Whisler, walked the DNR property in July with three people from the DNR and representatives from Van Buren Township. A woman from the DNR asked that the residence for sale next door to the property also be appraised by the same criteria. This was what raised the bill another \$1,500, Dawson said.

Board members said Vogt should have revised his price then, but didn't.

The DNR reportedly has 15 pages of checklists and that's what it wanted for the Spencer residence, too.

"He's got us over a barrel," said board treasurer Elaine Gutierrez.

"We can't see it 'til it's approved," said board member Joe Monte, referring to approval of the increased cost.

John Juriga made the motion to approve the \$1,500 increase, which was seconded by Mike Boelter.

"I'm a little confused," said Renaud. "If the DNR wants the property assessed, the DNR should pay for it. He's not authorized to do the other property."

"He did the other property without being requested to," Dawson agreed.

"He should have submitted an addition to the contract at the time," Gutierrez said.

"We're not getting any farther in the process if we don't approve this," Juriga said.

Dawson said they have a preliminary report that has been discussed in closed session, but they need the final report.

Boelter said the DNR is going to do its own appraisal, too, and Renaud noted that didn't make sense.

"He didn't think it would be so ... complicated..." Dawson said of Vogt and the Spencer property.

Gutierrez, who is a real estate agent, noted

that a residential appraisal costs \$350.

Juriga said the Spencer home is not a standard home, but is very sophisticated. Gutierrez asked if he had been in it and Juriga said he was going by what attorney John Day said.

Gutierrez said it was a dated residence.

Library Director Deb Green said the extra work has to do with all the rules and regulations for the trust fund, which owns the DNR property.

Renaud asked whether the board approached the DNR to ask it to pay for the residential appraisal and Dawson said it wasn't an issue at the time.

Dawson said they asked the DNR what kind of paperwork they needed to move forward. She said no one thought it would come to this.

Renaud talked board members into amending the motion to include asking the DNR to reimburse it for the \$1,500, because if they wanted it, it was up to them to pay.

The amended motion was passed unanimously with a roll-call vote. Absent from Monday's meeting were Chris Brasil and Joy Cichewicz.

Renaud said he didn't understand why the board couldn't hold the decision until next week's meeting with a public forum and public input, not the same night as a city council meeting.

Dawson said the library board is on its own schedule, not Belleville's or Sumpter's.

Besides the library board members, present were Director Green, Deputy Director Mary Jo Suchy, two reporters and one member of the public: Renaud.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, Nov. 8 – Home Grown Lecture Series at the library at 7 p.m., free. Dave and Marty Wilson will speak on "Nigeria: A Look into a Kinder, Happier Past".

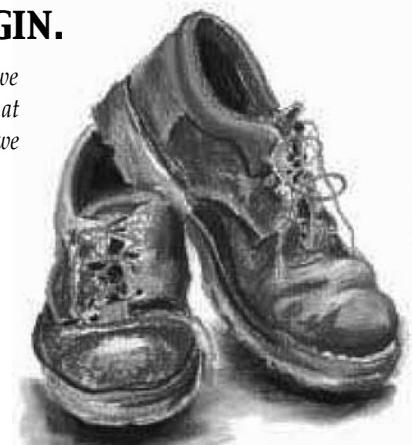
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- Saturday, Nov. 10 – Shaun Williams of Ypsilanti will sign copies of his children's book, "Sea Beds", from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Faith Assembly Mom 2 Mom Sale, 894 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville.

- Wednesday, Nov. 14 – Enjoy a home-cooked chicken supper with all the trimmings from 5 p.m. until they sell out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$9 adults; \$5 children 12 and under. At Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, 734-654-9020.

- Thursday, Nov. 15 – The Other Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at different restaurants throughout the Belleville area. Call the library for today's location, 699-3291. Today's book is "Gertrude and Claudius" by John Updike.

- Sunday, Nov. 18 – All are welcome to the free pre-Thanksgiving dinner at First Missionary Baptist Church, 24092 Bohn Rd., between Dunn and Wear roads in Sumpter Township. The morning worship service is at 11 a.m. and dinner will be served after morning service.

- Sunday, Nov. 18 – The SE Michigan Pug Play Group will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Bring your pug to the Pug-N-Play session. Donations help pay for the building rental.

- Monday, Nov. 19 – Hang a weatherproof ornament in memory of a loved one during the annual Tree of Remembrance outdoor memorial ceremony. It starts at 7 p.m. in front of Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville. Refreshments inside beginning at 6:30 p.m. 697-5090.

- Monday, Nov. 19 – At 6:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library, Elaine Pereira, an author who lives in New Boston, will discuss her memoir "I Will Never Forget", the story of her mother's journey through dementia. Book signing, with proceeds donated to Alzheimer's research. Register at library by calling (734) 942-7589.



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Ruth's tree

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Bleeker said McNamara told her that his letter would be all she needed.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she has a fundamental problem with the council "blessing a tree." She said not everyone in the city "celebrates or believes in Christmas."

"I don't have a problem with it," said Councilman Tom Smith. "It used to be there."

DPW Director Keith Boc said it's never been there as long as he's been in the city.

"It's a generational thing," said Bleeker. "You're all of a different generation." She said her son is 61 years old and she remembers bringing him to 5 Points to see the tree.

Bleeker was ready for Tindall's remarks and read a long memo on Christmas trees and the law and how privately sponsored trees are permissible under the Free Speech clause.

Mayor Conley said Bleeker is asking the city to remove the tree and remove the lights and she asked if the DPW had the time for that or a cherry picker for the work. Boc said they didn't have either.

Mayor Conley said it was all predicated on getting Wayne County's permission.

"I would like our acting police chief to look at it from a safety standpoint," Mayor Conley said.

Mayor Conley said if Bleeker can't get a permit from Wayne County, the tree could be put elsewhere on that corner or at Victory Park.

Bleeker got directions to the permit department on Howe Road and Michigan Avenue in Wayne and then read the letter from McNamara, except for the last part that she said were complimentary comments to her.

"He doesn't have permitting power," Mayor Conley said of McNamara.

Conley told Bleeker that she can work with the city administration on her project, if the council doesn't have a problem, and work out the logistics with the administration.

Bleeker said she talked to the Davenports and they said, "You take care of the rest, we'll get it up."

Bleeker said she was doing this not only to beautify the city, but to put something

there for the children to enjoy.

Tom Fielder suggested Bleeker talk to Commissioner McNamara and maybe he would help guide her through the permit process.

Mayor Conley called Bleeker's project, "a very nice gesture. You may walk away with a little bit of frustration ... if you start with the permits office, we can help you work it out."

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the city administration has concerns about having a big Christmas tree at an already confusing intersection.

Mayor Conley said Victory Station is an alternative and Kollmeyer said at the gateway sign has been suggested, as well.

"I think it would look nice," Mayor Conley said of a big Christmas tree.

Tree of Remembrance set for 7 p.m., Nov. 19

The Tree of Remembrance outdoor memorial ceremony will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 19, in front of Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville.

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Keystone Academy board interviews two for board membership

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The Board of Directors of Keystone Academy interviewed two candidates to fill an open parent's position on the board during its regular meeting Aug. 9.

Interviewed were Kim Kowalski, who works in financial planning at Monroe

Bank, and Carol Manley, a CPA who works with a lot of non-profit organizations. Both candidates have children in Keystone.

Paul Rice had resigned from the board because he took on more responsibilities with his church. Now he also is going through chemotherapy.

Susan Meland, board secretary, had been the parent representative, but her children graduated from Keystone and so she no longer qualified in that slot.

After the required interviews, the board voted to recommend them both to the Bay Mills chartering organization and let Bay Mills make the hard choice, since both are highly qualified.

Bay Mills chose Manley and she was sworn in before the Oct. 18 board meeting began.

A third parent candidate who was willing to serve on the board, Elroi Beaton, is a



Before the Oct. 18 regular meeting of the Keystone Charter Academy Board of Directors, Carol Manley, left, was sworn in as a new board member. Doing the swearing in was Board Secretary Susan Meland.

Canadian citizen and so did not qualify.

At its Aug. 9 meeting, the board also voted unanimously to appropriate \$9,000 for athletics from the board's discretionary fund so coaches and parents will not have to spend energies on fund raisers.

Athletic Director Katie Hamilton requested \$7,000 from the board, so she was delighted at the increase. Her total budget for the 2012-13 school year was \$15,480, including the \$8,680 balance from last school year.

Coaches get a \$500 stipend the first year and then that is increased each year until the \$1,320 cap, which includes taxes.

Most of the money in the athletic budget goes to pay coaches.

Board president Vesta Losen pointed out after all the effort and time spent, the fund raising for last year brought in just \$1,300.

"Let's do away with fund raising and give you more money and call it a day," Losen said, referring to the athletic program. She said it's hard to fund raise because the athletic projects step on the toes of the other school fund raisers.

Last year the pay-to-play fee was raised to \$40, which helps a lot with the budget, Hamilton said.

Hamilton said they will buy new volleyball uniforms this year because they are in need of replacing.

In other business at the Aug. 9 meeting, the board:

- Heard an update from Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey, reporting all the teaching positions have been filled and the teachers attended training; and

- Heard Godfrey report that Keystone has been honored as one of the top 25 performing charter public schools in the state and was ranked #3 in performance out of all the 71 National Heritage Academy schools in the country. She also reported that Keystone was identified by the state as a Focus School, for having a gap between the highest and lowest performing students. She said Keystone is always pushing students to excellence, while accepting students from other districts that are not at grade level. Losen said Ann Arbor and Canton are Focus Schools, too, and, "We're not in bad company." She added that Keystone gets low performance students of every kind. Godfrey added, "That's because parents have heard what a good job we do".

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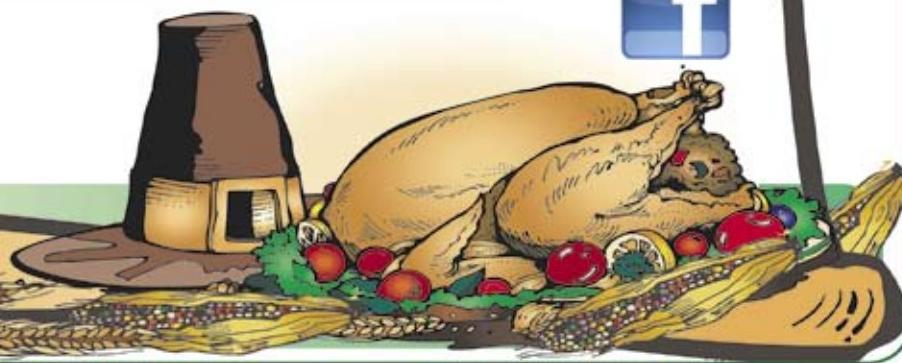
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District Library Board announces Space Forum can be seen on website

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

People who missed the Sept. 26 public forum with library space expert Anders Dahlgren can watch it on YouTube or the Belleville Area District Library website.

At the Oct. 9 meeting of the district library board, board secretary Joy Cichewicz said she recorded the meeting on her iPhone and put it out for people to see.

She said because of the way she had to do it, it is broken into short segments.

Dahlgren had come to Belleville to explain his updated report on increased library space needs for the local district library.

The library board has yet to select a site for a new district library and went into closed-door session at the end of the regular Oct. 9 meeting "to consider the purchase and/or lease of real property by the Belleville Area District Library Board."

This was the 20th closed door meeting set to discuss property acquisition held by the board since it was organized on April 17, 2010.

The board currently is pursuing use of the DNR lakeside property north of the bridge, but working with the state has been very slow-going.

In other business at the Oct. 9 meeting, the board:

- Learned forms will be sent out to board members to be filled out as part of the annual evaluation of Library Director Deb Green;

- Heard Director Green say that Barbara Miller's email to the board sent in the evening after the Dahlgren lecture and meant to be read at the 10 a.m. meeting the next day, was not opened until 1 p.m., after the morning meeting had ended. Green did not read the letter to the board at the Oct. 9 meeting, as Miller had requested, because it already had been printed in the *Independent*. Miller is concerned that the district board is planning on only 10% of the total new library space for Sumpter when Sumpter actually is 20% of the total district population. Green said the main library would be to serve everyone and probably 80-90% of the Sumpter library patrons would use the main library;

- Heard Green say that the library agreement states Sumpter will supply a building for its satellite library and, "I know for a fact Sumpter Township is not planning to build a 10,000-square-foot building";

- Heard Mike Renaud say that the City of Belleville was well represented by officials attending Dahlgren's lecture on space needs for the library, but there were no elected officials present from Sumpter or Van Buren Township;

- Heard district library board member

Michael Boelter say he thought there was nice reporting by the press on the Dahlgren presentation and many people will read about it who wouldn't have seen it on cable. Green said that she had tried to book Sam, who could have recorded the meeting for cable showing, but she had waited too long and he was not available on Sept. 26;

- Heard Renaud say that while the library officials put positive library stories out for the public at their meetings, such as the Brisbane, Australia library story in that evening's packet, it should also provide negative stories on libraries. Renaud said he saw a story about the Superior Township branch of the Ypsilanti District Library in annarbor.com on Oct. 5 and, "You should have reported on that since it's in our backyard." The story told of how the district library is putting off building a bigger library for Superior because of fund losses due to huge drops in property value; and

- Was reminded that the next regular board meeting is at 7 p.m., Nov. 13.

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Belleville Fire Dept. brings lessons to ECDC, Belleville High School

By Kimberly Keenmon
Belleville Fire Dept. Auxiliary

The City of Belleville Fire Department enjoys giving back to the community.

Recently fire fighters took the time to teach fire safety to the students at Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC).

Preschoolers were taught how a smoke alarm sounds, to crawl if there's smoke and to "Stop, Drop and Roll."

Firefighter William Zehel put on his gear and with the help of Fire Fighter Lamar Griffin, demonstrated how firefighters go in to rescue people.

Firefighter Susan Greening taught the youngsters how to dial "911" in case of an emergency.

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The Belleville Fire Department also visited Belleville High School Career Classes. Students learned the importance of a fire fighter's job to the community and how to become a volunteer fire fighter.

The Belleville Fire Department is always looking for good candidates, men and

women to join the department.

Fire Fighter Colette McClinton and Fire Captain Kris Rix shared their stories about becoming volunteer fire fighters and years served on the department.

Captain Rix and other fire fighters plan to visit Owen Intermediate and McBride Middle school in coming months. Teachers and administrators are welcome to contact Captain Rix to coordinate fire fighters visiting their school and or classroom.

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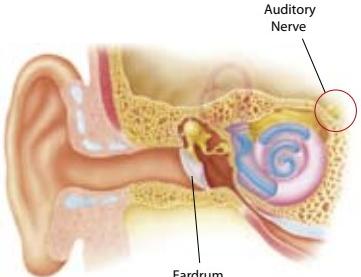
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VBT Public Safety Committee discusses public safety budget

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

During a special 40-minute meeting on Oct. 17, the Van Buren Public Safety Committee met at Fire Hall #2 to go over the third-quarter report on the \$8 million Public Safety Department budget.

Members of the committee and people in the audience asked questions about the budget and Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan and Fire Chief Dan Besson answered.

In December 2011 there was a last-minute realization that the Public Safety Department budget was not balanced because the amounts for the fringe benefits and full-time officer pay were incorrect, so the board had to have a special meeting to move funds into Public Safety to balance it before the end of the year.

At the Oct. 17 meeting, Director

McClanahan said this year's budget administration is right on target. He said 80% of the year has passed and slightly 20% is left in the budget.

He said if under 20% is left in a line item in the budget there has to be a reason.

He said the budget has an allocation and, "When it's gone, it's gone."

Committee member Olivia Bruce asked about the negative figures for training for police and McClanahan replied that MCOLLES pays for 80% of the training and the township gets reimbursed, so the line item is fluid.

Committee chairperson Diane Madigan asked about the \$3,500 line item for crime prevention, 100% of which has not been spent.

McClanahan said they are putting together a display to show at community colleges, recruiting events, and public safety day. He said it would be an established, professional-looking display.

Madigan said the Refuse to be a Victim program was given once for the township without cost, but would cost \$500 to be given again. She suggested using some of the funds for that program.

McClanahan did not comment on her suggestion, but said his department is restructuring and bringing back community policing.

"Our primary objective, our goal for the last seven months was filling shifts," McClanahan reported. He said they had to hire two new police officers and both are in training. He said they can't equal out their scheduling until the new officers are trained and then the department can work back into community policing.

John Delaney asked if the township ever got reimbursed for the cost of providing security for Sarah Palin and Patriots in the Park event and McClanahan said that the township has been paid.

Later he told the *Independent* that Americans for Prosperity, who asked the

township for help with security, paid the bill and no money was taken out of the Wounded Warriors' fund, as some had feared would happen.

McClanahan said barring any disasters between now and the end of the year, the budget is right on course.

Larry Fix asked about those who get paid for a full-time job with the township and also as a firefighter, which adds up to salaries over \$100,000.

McClanahan said these are people who do two jobs in the same organization, with pay from two separate budgets under the Van Buren Township umbrella.

He said when the employee passes from his regular job to the new job, it comes under the Dual Assignment Cause in the federal Fair Standards Act and, "It's mandated by the federal government and there's nothing we can do about it."

He said that includes paying the employee 80% of the pay for his initial job plus 20% of fire pay, plus time and a half for overtime.

He noted that procedure was in place before he was named director.

He said without the cross-trained people this year it would have been impossible to offer the 24-hour fire shifts.

There presently are seven blended rate employees, he said.

Fix said when the salaries are printed in the paper (*Independent*) each year, public opinion is influenced.

Fix said he understands the Fair Labor Law. He said at the last township board meeting the police department earned glowing praises for money being saved, but actually the cost was shifted to the fire department.

McClanahan said if the salaries were shown "bifurcated" people would understand the employees worked many hours for that pay. He said there was no shifting. He said, also, there have been some unusual occurrences on the police and fire sides this year.

"I'm in the business of providing services," McClanahan said. "Who gets what is politics."

Fix said people are concerned when they see public service employees making that

kind of money.

Madigan asked about the \$15,474.66 that was spent over budget in capital outlay.

McClanahan said the police budget was allocated \$81,000 for patrol cars and then had to scurry to buy six in-car computers because the others didn't work. It took an hour and a half to boot up, he said.

He said he convinced the board to allocate \$15,000 for radios for six to seven cars. He said they also have to upgrade mobile radios.

Fire Department budget

The committee then discussed the \$2 million fire department budget, with Chief Besson explaining they do the best that they can with fleet maintenance, which is now down to \$17,000.

"Right now we're on emergency status ... fixing the trucks to work, saving money for the end of the year to buy 12 needed sets of turnout gear," Besson said.

Madigan asked about the \$30,000 Besson recently asked for from the Downtown Development Authority to fix the roof on Station #2. She asked if Station #1 had roof problems, too.

Besson said Station #1 does not need roof repair. He said he has checked and the Station #2 roof no longer is under warranty. He will be taking that report back to the DDA in his bid for the DDA to fund repairs.

McClanahan said as the fleet ages, the money needed to maintain the equipment increases. He said the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) comes out each year to inspect the vehicles and tells the township what it has to fix.

Besson said they have not completed all the repairs needed this budget year and will carry some repairs over to next year.

McClanahan said they try to keep a really close eye on the equipment. He said last year they were able to complete all the MDOT repairs and had a few dollars left over in that line item.

Delaney asked about whether the Hazmat cleanup at Ecorse and Beck was reimbursed by the farmer involved and Besson said he would check.

The repairs following the rear-ending of the fire truck on I-94 was paid for by the township's insurance, McClanahan said.

Madigan asked if they had thought of having a fund to save for equipment replacements and McClanahan said he couldn't discuss that until the budget sessions, which were the following week.

Dispatch budget

The \$764,168 Dispatch budget was explained by McClanahan who said they had one full-time and one part-time employee resign and employees on maternity and medical leave, plus a disabled employee.

He said the concern is the wage line item because they were running in an overtime capacity.

"We provided the service, but it cost more," McClanahan said.

He said he hired a full-time and part-

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time dispatcher and they are still in field training, which is done internally. Although there was \$4,000 in the dispatch training line item, McClanahan said there was no outside training this year and the \$4,000 is untouched.

Animal Control budget

The Animal Control department had a budget of \$62,250 and Madigan asked about the \$500 training line item that has not been used and McClanahan said there was some training available, "But I think he missed it. By the time we got information it was too late to process -- an oversight on his part."

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee was scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the VBT Hall. The regular Oct. 3 meeting was cancelled by Director McClanahan because he believed there would not be a quorum.

Present at the Oct. 17 special meeting were a quorum of chairperson Diane Madigan and committee members Raymond Bailey, Olivia Bruce, and P. Ramone Crowe. Not present were vice chairperson Regina Miller, committee member Richard Wardwell and Trustee Phil Hart.

Sumpter Planners approve site plan for AT&T tower co-location

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission voted unanimously at its Oct. 11 meeting to approve a site plan for the addition of AT&T Mobility to an existing SBC tower at 22570 Sherwood Road.

The 195' monopole tower, named "Willis South", also has a T Mobile antenna and the new AT&T unit will be at 185', below T Mobile.

The salesman who made the request lives in Traverse City and the commission's planning consultant, Laura Kreps of Carlisle Wortman, said she told him it was not necessary for him to drive all the way from Traverse City to Sumpter for 10 minutes of discussion.

She said the request included a new radio equipment building in the compound.

Kreps recommended the site plan approval. She said the co-location on the cell tower is contingent on approval of the building official.

In other business at the Oct. 11 meeting, the commission:

- Completed the year-long work on the review of the township's zoning ordinance and is expecting Kreps to prepare a revised ordinance and give drafts to them to study. It will be discussed in December and a public hearing could be set in January. After that it would be sent to the township board for adoption;

- Learned that in November, the new owners of the former ATEK building on Rawsonville Road will be at the

commission requesting an expansion of its parking area. A2Mac1 has indicated it wants to move its whole operation from Ypsilanti to Sumpter; and

- Heard Commissioner Matt Oddy ask about whether there was any investigation of the dirt brought in and spread behind the Bake Shoppe by the contractor for a Van Buren Township water project. The dirt now has been spread out and cleaned up. No investigation was done into whether there was a permit and Oddy was informed a motion by the commission would have moved his request forward.

VBT Planners start review of 1992 PRD ordinance for updates

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its Sept. 26 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission set up a subcommittee of Commissioners Bob McKenna, Bryon Kelley, and Carl Johnson to go over the lengthy Planned Residential Development ordinance, passed in 1992, to bring back to the commission recommendations for updates.

The commission also asked Sally Hodges of planning consultants McKenna Associates to go back over the details in the Stormwater Basins proposed amendments that they were discussing to bring back an ordinance they could approve and send on to the township board for action.

The updates to the ordinance began with the plan to require decorative fencing around stormwater basins. Recently a subdivision association wanted fences to be required around its pond and other neighborhoods wanted no fences so the pond could be used.

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Misty Morin and Kyle Mattausch of Belleville announce the birth of their son Jacob Aaron-Louis Mattausch at 4:43 p.m., Oct. 5, 2012, at the University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 inches long. He has a big sister Jordan Mattausch, age 5. Grandparents are Cheryl Morin of Belleville, Philip and Dianne Morin of Saline, and Mary and Duane Mattausch of Willis. Great-grandparents are Wynonna Morgison of Willis and Loren Morin of Belleville.

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Sumpter Twp. saved 72 property owners from flood insurance

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Oct. 23, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees heard a report that all but one township property owner seeking help with FEMA floodplain designation was able to avoid the costly insurance.

A Hennessey Engineer reported on the

FEMA floodplain project, explaining FEMA updated its 1981 floodplain map in February, putting some properties into the floodplain that weren't there before.

He said 91 properties called the township to seek help in getting out of the floodplain. Eighteen dropped out because they didn't have mortgages or other reasons that would keep them from having to buy flood

insurance.

Of the 73 properties left, the township was able to save 72 property owners from having to buy the flood insurance, which runs about \$2,000 a year.

Each property owner paid a fee of \$350 to help with the engineer's survey and paperwork for each parcel. Hennessey Engineers and the township also chipped in to offer the service to residents.

In other business at the Oct. 23 meeting, the board:

- Heard a report from Hennessey on the study of the eroded sewer wet well at Sumpter and Willis roads. He said it is deteriorating very slowly and they could patch it up now for \$40,000 or wait and have it be a part of the proposed S-2 sewer project. The board took no action to do it now;

- Approved holding Sumpter Fest over Memorial Day weekend in 2013;

- Heard Supervisor Johnny Vawters report that there are several people wanting to rent the township's medical building. He said Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody will research the offers and recommend one to the board;

- Heard Fire Chief Joe Januszyk urge people to vote yes on the fire millage renewal and reminded them of the Haunted House at the fire hall on Halloween. He reported on the Michigan Township Association fire conference in Frankenmuth and said he received a lot of good information. Trustees Peggy Morgan and Bill Hamm (who is also a fire fighter) also attended the session and said they learned a lot;

- Heard Treasurer John Morgan announce that his Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis became one of two dozen people in the State of Michigan who have earned the Investment Management of Public Funds certification;

- Approved spending up to \$3,400 to repair two large Welcome to Sumpter Township signs that have been damaged;

- Heard Van Buren School Board candidates Kathleen Kovach and Toni Hunt introduce themselves and note they both live in Sumpter Township and would like support from township residents;

- Approved purchasing three grinder pumps plus parts totaling \$10,941;

- Approved the appointment of Sumpter Police Officer Chaim Kozak to a full-time police position;

- Approved paying warrants totaling \$192,072.02;

- Heard resident Mary Ban tell the school board candidates that Sumpter was counting on the school district to help pay for the sanitary sewer in front of Elwell School, which had a failed septic system. Now Elwell is closed and the township owes \$97 million on the sewer. Also, she said, "I have a real problem with the new superintendent. He should have a Doctor in Education degree before he starts telling people what to do." She also mourns the loss of the high school building which could have been used as a library and she thinks the school board should look into uses of current buildings instead of tearing them down. Clerk Clarence Hoffman suggested Elwell school could be used as a library; and

- Heard Trustee Peggy Morgan tell the candidates that two or three weeks earlier Sumpter Township sent a letter to the Van Buren School Board to ask for the newer playscape at Elwell that was paid for by Sumpter parents and could be used for one of the township parks. She said the superintendent said no and somebody else said no, so the township sent the letter to the school board, but the board has yet to receive the letter in their packets.

Dave, Marty Wilson to present their year in Nigeria at 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Dave and Marty Wilson of Van Buren Township will present "A Year in Nigeria at a Happier, Gentler Time" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville.

The Wilsons will look back on the year they spent with their four children in Nigeria -- 1964-65.

The Wilsons say, "It was a delightful year; interesting country, friendly people, safe and easy travel, cultures that were fascinatingly different from our own. Nigeria, recently independent, was going to show the rest of Africa how it was done, and Nigerians and expatriates alike were filled with hope and optimism."

"One can only hope that the years to come will bring peace and prosperity back to this beautiful country, now in such agonizing disarray," they said.

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To the Editor:

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Muscle slowly, over time, breaks down and becomes scar tissue. Boys are typically who this affects and in some rare cases girls can also be affected. It is typically inherited from the mother and in Bailey's case I am a carrier of the defective gene.

The body lacks the ability to make a protein called dystrophin which what is needed to regenerate muscles and gain strength. That is the defect in the gene.

Boys with this disease lose the ability to do most activities including walking, feeding themselves, etc. Majority of them end up in a wheelchair by the age of 12 and due to the disease eventually affecting the heart and lungs, majority of them do not live past their early 20s.

There is no cure for this disease. There are treatments, but they only slow the progression of the disease. They don't stop the effects.

I have decided I am going to do all I can to help find a cure and raise the awareness of this disease no matter how hard it may be. I love my son with all my heart and I refuse to sit back and let this happen to him. We have learned to put our trust in God to pull us through this and fight as hard as we can. We need your help.

This horrible disease affects 1 in every 3,500 boys and their families. Research has come a long way and things continue to improve for research for a cure. The more of us that stand together and fight, the closer they will come and I have faith they will find a cure.

Go to MDA.org to learn more and also like their page on Facebook for updates and ways to help. You can donate to any cause on the site including DMD research and summer camp for children with neuromuscular diseases which costs an average of \$600-\$800 per child. It is free to families affected by neuromuscular diseases. Please like our page on Facebook at Bailey's Crusade for Hope or <http://facebook.com/BaileysCrusade>.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police. For more detailed police logs, see www.bellevilleareaindependent.com.

Sunday, Oct. 28:

0028 – malicious destruction of property, 6821 Sadie Ln.
0311 – disturbance, 6031 Victoria St.
0444 – fight, 2033 Rawsonville
0919 – larceny, 44199 Timberview Ct.
1101 – malicious destruction of property, 47179 Ayres Ave.

1206 – larceny, 9645 Belleville Rd.
1351 – assault & battery, 83 Maple Dr.
1445 – malicious destruction of property, 43540 Robson Rd.
1543 – fraud, Walmart
1831 – noise complaint, 9655 Wildflower Ct.
1900 – narcotics crime, 41431 S. Bellridge Dr.
1941 – holdup alarm, 13584 Country Walk Blvd.
2049 – fraud, Meijer
2056 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck
2323 – assault & battery, 41462 W. Archwood Dr.

Monday, Oct. 29:
0036 – local ordinance, 50778 Michigan Ave., Hot Spot
0410 – assault & battery, 10895 Oak Lane
0739 – assault & battery, 49745 Mott, W Sector
0742 – breaking & entering, 9696 Jackson St.
0857 – breaking & entering, 9814 Jackson St.
1008 – larceny, 2035 Rawsonville Rd.
1211 – hospice, 9667 Wildflower Ct.
1404 – lake complaint, 49058 Peninsular Dr.
1547 – retail fraud, Meijer
1817 – fraud, Meijer
1953 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler School
2057 – harassment call, Belleville/Ecorse

Tuesday, Oct. 30:
0055 – assault & battery, 8248 Marlowe Ave.
0814 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11036 Jackson St.
0819 – suspicious situation, 1050 Savage Rd.
1010 – malicious destruction of property, 11000 Lighthouse Dr.

1439 – larceny from auto, 41555 S. Bellridge Dr.
1531 – private property accident, Crossroads
1549 – assault & battery, 48721 Denton Rd.
1701 – property damage accident, 3025 Michigan
1730 – larceny, Kmart
1812 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2125 – narcotics crime, 11302 Westlake
2239 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11530 Belleville Rd.
2311 – noise complaint, 7617 Kirkridge Park Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 31:
0014 – missing person, 42 Birch Dr.
0159 – assault & battery, 11150 Oak Lane
0804 – property damage accident, 9853 Wheeler St
0830 – larceny, 48644 Bemis Rd.
0851 – assault & battery, 6 Main
0856 – assault & battery, 6 Main
0904 – malicious destruction of property, 11520 Beckley

0907 – larceny from auto, 48361 Bayshore Dr.
1140 – larceny, 13386 Lake Point Blvd.
1224 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1442 – private property accident, Meijer
1600 – assault & battery, Westlake
1654 – property damage accident, Tyler/Andover
1657 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Lancaster
1732 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1946 – malicious destruction of property, 9893 Dartmoor Cir.

1953 – juvenile complaint, 7992 Kirkridge Park Dr
2100 – suspicious situation, 43602 Revere Dr.
2308 – property damage accident, Grove / Rawsonville
2331 – disturbance, 48870 Denton Rd.

2356 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 48541 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Nov. 1:
0515 – suspicious person, Bemis/Sumpter
0558 – larceny from auto, 10667 Oak Lane
1021 – agency assist, 209 Sugarbush
1121 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Lenmore Ave.
1234 – larceny from auto, 10667 Oak Lane

1455 – trespassing, 23 Locust Dr.
1520 – fraud, 1 Village Center Dr.
1530 – private property accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1550 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Rawsonville
1658 – malicious destruction of property, 9304 Parkwood
1732 – unattended death, 6000 Victoria St.
1837 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1920 – breaking & entering, 9802 Jackson St.
1954 – suspicious person, 41233 Savage Rd.
2026 – assault & battery, 9285 Parkwood Dr.
2251 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Friday, Nov. 2:

0007 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Grove
0113 – suspicious person, 41601 S. Bellridge Dr.
0311 – larceny from auto, 10754 Oak Lane
0419 – suspicious person, Belleville/Denton
0425 – noise complaint, 48920 Denton Rd.
0516 – breaking & entering, 15400 Sumpter Rd.
0824 – suspicious person, Country Walk
0835 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

0910 – larceny, 10118 Wheeler St.
1049 – trespassing, 14215 Red Oak Dr.
1139 – breaking & entering, 15400 Sumpter Rd.
1237 – property damage accident, 9041 Parkwood
1303 – malicious destruction of property, 10702 Oak Lane
1511 – fight, Green Meadows
1522 – suspicious situation, 50290 Michigan Ave.
1543 – property damage accident, 1200 Savage
1553 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr./Archwood
1654 – missing person, 6700 Rogers Ave.
1710 – fight, Tyler Rd. / Springwood Blvd.
1737 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.

1748 – property damage accident, 9800 Belleville
1834 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1903 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2050 – fraud, Meijer
2248 – malicious destruction of property, 41455 S. Bellridge Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 3:

0022 – suspicious person, 46870 Bemis Rd.
0856 – malicious destruction of property, 11637 Meadows Circle
0903 – domestic violence, 9469 Van Buren St.
1242 – suspicious situation, 51005 Old Michigan
1243 – fraud, 11607 Meadows Ct.
1457 – noise complaint, 7730 Kirkridge Park Dr.
1536 – private property accident, 46141 Village Green Ln.
1647 – private property accident, 40473 Alden Ave
1722 – retail fraud, Meijer
1803 – breaking & entering, 43646 N. I-94 Service Dr.

1909 – assault & battery, Meijer
2122 – noise complaint, 11695 Meadows Lane
2326 – malicious destruction of property, 43936 Timberview Ct.

Also on this week's log are 211 traffic stops, 39 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 28:

0058 – parking complaint, Dos Rios/Carmell
0018 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1820 – intrusion alarm, 575 W. Columbia Ave.
2229 – parking complaint, 451 E. Waterbury Ct.

Monday, Oct. 29:

0505 – larceny, 174 Belle Villa Blvd.
0739 – all other traffic, 551 E. Thornhill Ct.
1049 – suspicious person, 254 E. Huron River Dr.
1313 – welfare check, 60 Main St.
1508 – larceny, 232 Belle Villa Blvd.
1631 – lost property, Fifth/Main
1701 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1744 – assist fire dept., 241 Church St.
1905 – motorist assist, Main St./First St.
1936 – assist fire dept., 15 Carmell St.

Tuesday, Oct. 30:

0006 – serve warrant, 221 Henry St.

0017 – follow up, 89 Carmell St.

1156 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 87 Carmell
1238 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 48 Henry
1438 – hospice, 127 Carmell
1633 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1838 – suspicious person, 59 Loza Lane

Wednesday, Oct. 31:

0021 – suspicious situation, 45 N. Edgemont
1152 – weapons violation, 42975 Savage
1313 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1323 – property damage accident, 500 Main St.
1515 – civil matter, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court

1643 – welfare check, 374 W. Columbia Ave.
1645 – larceny, 134 Carmell St.
1811 – assist fire dept., 50 South St.

1840 – trespassing, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Ct.

2019 – animal complaint, BHS
2325 – suspicious situation, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Ct.

2342 – assist fire dept., 37 Madelon St.

Thursday, Nov. 1:

0149 – assist fire dept., 52 Carmell St.
0831 – malicious destruction of property, 305 High
0845 – juvenile complaint, 400 Sumpter Rd.
1040 – follow up, 209 Sugarbush
1113 – all other traffic, N. Edgemont/E. Huron River Dr.

1257 – welfare check, 6 Main St.

1415 – civil matter, 401 Estrada

1451 – agency assist, 210 Henry St.

1540 – harassment call, 6 Main St.

1801 – harassment call, 6 Main St.

2014 – assault & battery, BHS

2219 – assist fire dept., 176 W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Nov. 2:

1300 – traffic complaint, Denton/N. Liberty St.
1829 – property check, 541 W. Huron River Dr.
2354 – found property, 19903 Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 3:

0808 – intrusion alarm, 50 South St.
0819 – P.b.t. alcohol, 6 Main St.
1212 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
2301 – operating while intoxicated, Main/South

Also on this week's log are 56 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 28:

0502 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0510 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1100 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1506 – juvenile complaint, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1738 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1804 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane
2001 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2024 – alarm, Carriage Lane
2050 – suspicious incident, Creekside

Monday, Oct. 29:

0319 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1050 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Arkona
1303 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1403 – civil dispute, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1407 – traffic hazard, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1509 – well-being check, Carriage Lane
1600 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1631 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2043 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2115 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
2206 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2214 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2304 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Lane

Tuesday, Oct. 30:

0026 – threats, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0640 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
0729 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
0933 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1403 – harassment, Edgewood
1450 – down wires, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1535 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
1743 – well-being check, Nevada
1753 – suspicious person, Carriage Lane
1854 – malicious destruction of property, Carriage Lane
2036 – fire dept. assist, California
2121 – suspicious incident, Wyoming
2206 – violation public health code, Carriage Lane
2312 – threats, Wyoming

Wednesday, Oct. 31:

0858 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1115 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1245 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1259 – larceny, Arizona
1413 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1641 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1656 – follow-up investigation, Vermont
1743 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1747 – mental health commitment, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1808 – warrant arrest, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1955 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2006 – minor in possession, Sumpter/Kozma
2211 – fight, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2242 – 911 hangup, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 1:

1152 – down wires, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1210 – larceny, Nevada
1413 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1422 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1543 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1547 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willis
1601 – follow-up investigation, Pecan
1714 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1744 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1755 – suspicious incident, Delaware
1824 – threats, Rustic Lane

Friday, Nov. 2:

0158 – alarm, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0813 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
0849 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0907 – larceny, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1401 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1554 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1809 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Oakville Waltz
2040 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Lane
2136 – suspicious person, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, Nov. 3:

0952 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1109 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
1121 – breaking & entering report, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1152 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1234 – shots fired investigation, Karr/Willis
1507 – assault, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1552 – fire dept. assist, Arizona
1607 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1719 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1820 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2214 – suspicious vehicle, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
2325 – family trouble

Also on this week's log are 27 miscellaneous details, 132 patrol checks, and 60 traffic stops.

Belleville runners shine at Cross Country regional meet

By Bob Mytych

Independent Sports Editor

BROWNSTOWN TWP. -- The Belleville Tigers girls' and boys' cross country teams both finished strong at last week's state regional meet, held Oct. 27 at Lake Erie Metropark.

The Lady Tigers were led by senior Brianna Schofield, who turned in the top time of 20:47, which helped her team place third overall with a team score of 72. Belleville's Ryann Patton (21:56) and Kaitlin McCafferty took seventh and eighth places respectively. Other top times included Rachel Connors (24:23) and Samantha Mall (25:07).

On the boys' side, the Tigers finished in fourth place with a score of 116. Pacers for the team included Devin Stevens (17:58), Jacob McClinton (19:09), Josh Sterly (19:25), David Dale (19:45), and Aaron Shultz (20:25).

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Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor will serve 6 months as corporal

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor, who has been off work since he collapsed at home in June, has gone back to work for the city police department as a corporal.

He was back on the job Oct. 31.

On Monday afternoon, Belleville City Manager Diane Kollmeyer explained to the *Independent* that Taylor will be working as a corporal for six months and Interim Police Chief Hal Berriman will hopefully continue to fill in for that period.

Kollmeyer said after six months there will be a reevaluation and a decision whether to reinstate him as chief. She said she didn't want to get into more detail than that.

She said Taylor is an excellent police officer.

Kollmeyer said Taylor is healthy and his own doctor and a physician hired by the city declared him fit to work.

On Monday night, the Belleville City Council approved a budget amendment to take money from the fund balance to pay \$960 for professional services by a city-selected physician for a medical exam for "a current employee who has been off on medical leave for an extended period of time." There was no discussion on the item.

Taylor said he is glad to be back to work and currently is on a 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, schedule.

He said it would be inappropriate for him to comment further.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Nov. 8 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS mini-auditorium

- Tuesday, Nov. 13 – Van Buren Township September Days Senior Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council special joint meeting with Belleville DDA at 6 p.m., followed by regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

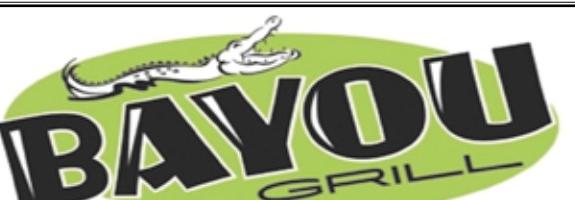
- Tuesday, Nov. 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 21 – South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown Township Hall. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS mini-auditorium

- Tuesday, Nov. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.



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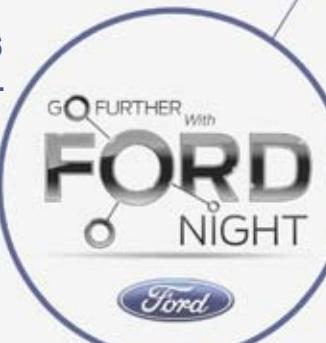
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